

## BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON PROCEEDINGS

112th Annual Meeting, 30 May 1985

Dr. Donald Davis called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and welcomed the twenty members of the Society present. Dr. Leslie Knapp, who had asked to be replaced as Treasurer of the Biological Society, announced with a palpable sense of relief that Dr. Don Wilson had been selected to fill out his term by the Council of the Society.

Dr. Knapp presented the Treasurer's report emphasizing the increased worth of the Society over the past year. He attributed the financial gains to increased page charges for the *Proceedings*, and to growing membership resulting from the recruiting efforts of Drs. Meredith Jones and Raymond Manning. Dr. David Pawson enquired whether the Society's outlay for advertisement in the Allen Press Cooperative Subscription Catalog is balanced by income from new subscription orders. Dr. Knapp responded that the catalog citation relieves the Treasurer of answering numerous inquiries regarding subscription rates and that, if desired, the need for the listing could be reexamined next year.

Following the Treasurer's presentation, Dr. Davis reported that the Council had approved expenses of up to \$4,298.66 (equivalent to interest from the Society's First Variable Rate Fund account in 1984) to purchase a microcomputer and software for the Society. The equipment will be used by the Treasurer to maintain subscription and financial records and a publications inventory. Dr. Davis thanked Dr. Knapp for his unstinting efforts for the past five years as the Society's Treasurer. Members in attendance demonstrated their appreciation of Dr. Knapp's dedicated work for the Society with sustained and spirited applause.

Dr. Brian Kensley, Editor of the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*, reported that Volume 97, with a new, two-tone cover format, had been issued in four parts with a total of 972 pages. Approximately 50 pages in each part were subsidized by the Society. He noted that the average delay between manuscript acceptance and publication was 6-8 months for authors paying full page charges, and 8-12 months for manuscripts with subsidized page charges. Dr. Kensley thanked Dr. Stephen Cairns for serving as Acting Editor for extended periods during the year. He also thanked Dr. George Steyskal for his invaluable, long-standing service as editor and advisor to the *Proceedings* on nomenclatorial matters.

Dr. Davis reiterated Dr. Kensley's thanks to Stephen Cairns and George Steyskal on behalf of the Society. He described the Council's plan to sponsor a mini-course on nomenclature, to be presented in a series of lectures by Dr. Steyskal. Dr. Davis will seek financial support from the National Museum of Natural History for four or five lectures on scientific names and biological nomenclature.

Dr. Meredith Jones summarized the arrangements for publication, as *Biological Society Bulletin* Number 6, of the proceedings of the Hydrothermal Vents Symposium sponsored by the Society in December 1983. Most of the 37 manuscripts have been edited and are ready for publication. They total 918 manuscript pages, the equivalent of approximately 725 printed pages. Part of the Bulletin will be

an up-to-date bibliography on hydrothermal vents with over 1000 entries. Dr. Jones anticipates that manuscripts will be sent to the publisher in July. The bulletin will be available for distribution in November, and will be sold for \$30.

The Secretary announced that he would be leaving Washington for a curatorial position at the Los Angeles County Museum. He noted that the nominating committee would need to consider secretarial candidates, preferably from the Washington area, for the September ballot. Dr. Davis thanked the Secretary for his services to the Society and, there being no additional new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Hendler  
Secretary  
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